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OZAUKEE COUNTY DEATH RELATED TO COVID-19 IN WISCONSIN

Sadly, a man in his 90s from Ozaukee County died yesterday morning in Ozaukee County. He was one of the first two people to die from COVID-19 in Wisconsin.

The Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department is diligently working to ensure the patient's caretakers and family members are monitored for symptoms and quarantined to avoid the spread of the virus.

"The health department sends our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. This is precisely why we are asking people to practice social distancing and to stay at home. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough or tightness in your chest, please do not go to work or leave your home. We do not want other families to lose loved ones," Kirsten Johnson, Health Officer of the Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department.

The individual had underlying health conditions, and tested positive for COVID-19 post-mortem on March 20th.

Governor Evers stated, "Our hearts go out to all the loved ones affected by these deaths, and to all those suffering from this virus. We are committed to fighting the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, and I want to recognize the hard work and bravery of our nurses, doctors, state health officials, and all those on the front lines in the effort to save lives. Together we will get through this historic health challenge."

The health department continues to urge everyone to take the CDC's recommendations to practice social distancing seriously. Avoid non-essential travel and stay home.

For more information to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [washozwi.gov](https://www.washozwi.gov).

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